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SWELL WEST'S DEMAND FOR NOT LESS THAN 80 CENTS Education in Co-operative Principles Is Urged

URGE EDUCATION IN CO-OPERATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minister Tells Conference There
Is No Greater Movement in
World Today

AT EDMONTON BANQUET

Co-operative Buying Has Helped
Farmers in Depression Years,
Says Speaker

EDMONTON, Mar. 15th.—There is "no greater movement in the world today than the co-operative movement in which you people are engaged," Hon. E. C. Manning, Minister of Trade and Industry told a banquet here Tuesday night of delegates attending the annual conference of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association, Limited.

Mr. Manning stated, "there is a necessity for education in co-operation. Co-operative enterprise is designed to be one of the great battle fields of human progress."

Important Addresses

Delegates at the two-day conference heard speakers on various aspects of the co-operative movement in Western Canada. W. J. Hoar, Ponoka, Dr. H. L. Nix, Red Deer, and W. D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, were chairmen.

Second guest speaker, Archbishop J. H. MacDonald of Edmonton, warned the delegates "not to place too great an emphasis on the profit element in co-operatives."

Mr. Priestley, Chairman of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, declared that the U.F.A. Co-operative and Marketing Organization "deserves credit for helping farmers in depression years, and has paid \$80,000 in dividends to members since 1931."

That has created a feeling of self-assistance among farmers, maintained Mr. Priestley.

He said that since the U.F.A. has left the field of politics, it has been "liberated from the handicap of being engaged in the political struggle." Now, he said, it is extending its influence in the sphere of economics.

Resolutions Adopted

Resolutions were passed urging:
1. That use of word "Co-operative" or abbreviation of it as brand or trade mark be prohibited to any organization not incorporated under Provincial Co-operative legislation.

2. That the Minister of Education provide for the teaching of co-operation as part of the public school curriculum.

3. That the Dominion Government budget for a sum to provide for research in co-operation by the economics branch of the Department of Agriculture and to publish literature on co-operation at cost.

4. That the Alberta Government seek to secure the use of the Wheat
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WRITE OTTAWA NOW!

There is time to act, but you must act NOW.

If you want the Wheat Board to be continued for the 1939-40 crop season, with a pegged price of not less than 80 cents, for One Northern, basis Fort William, send in your individual request to the Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, without delay.

A few days ago the Minister announced that the number of individual requests received had not been more than ten per cent as large as it was when the West called for the Wheat Board and minimum price last year. That is the word the *Leader* has received from Ottawa.

Resolutions passed by meetings are not enough. It is of the utmost importance that every farmer and farm woman who wants the Board and the minimum of not less than 80 cents continued should write to the Ottawa Government direct.

We therefore urge every one of our readers who has not already done so, to write now, and ask his or her neighbors to write, and drop a line to the *Leader* to let us know you have done so.

Large numbers of readers have already written, in some cases getting as many as 25 to 60 neighbors to sign the draft letter to the Minister which we reprint below.

Write your letter to Ottawa today, and write *The Western Farm Leader* to tell us what you have done.

W. NORMAN SMITH,
Editor.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner,
Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

Believing that continuance of protection for the wheat grower during the coming crop season at least equal to the protection given for the crop of 1938-39 is vital to Western Agriculture and to the economic stability of Canada, I (we) the undersigned, strongly urge:

1. The continuance of the Wheat Board for 1939-40.
2. The setting of a guaranteed price for wheat of at least 80 cents No. 1 Northern, basis Fort William.

Name

Address

(Signed)

MANY LETTERS RECEIVED AT LEADER OFFICE

Every mail brings letters from farmers and farm women stating they have written Ottawa, calling for the Wheat Board and the minimum of not less than 80 cents for One Northern at Fort William. A few typical letters are printed below:

Sixty Sign Letter

"I have forwarded a list of 60 signatures to Hon. J. G. Gardiner re Wheat Board and pegged wheat price."
—P. R. Macdonald, Mannville.

Obtained 45 Names

"Have mailed wheat petition to Ottawa containing 45 names."
—R. L. Scott, Coaldale.

Signed by 33

"If I was not already convinced a long time ago about the value of *The Western Farm Leader* for the Western

Farmer, I would be after the issue of March 3rd. I sent copy of your draft letter to the Minister of Agriculture signed by 33 neighbors."
—H. J. Veenendaal, R.R.3, Morinville.

200 at Meeting

"At a Beiseker and District Board of Trade meeting Monday night (the 6th inst.) with 200 present, mostly farmers, a motion was unanimously passed, and wired to the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, to the effect that the Wheat Board be retained permanently, and
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MARITIME FARMER NOT OPPOSED TO BONUS ON WHEAT

Business and Professional People
Sympathetic When Needs of
West Made Clear

MEETINGS HELD

Member of Bracken Committee
Presents Case for Pegged
Price to Easterners

By JACK SUTHERLAND
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

TRURO, N.S.—Farmers, and business and professional circles in the Maritimes, I have found generally sympathetic to the proposals of Western Canada for the safeguarding of the wheat industry, when the situation is properly explained to them. Business people here were not aware that 80 cents is not the price obtained by the farmer.

During a successful trip through the Maritimes, setting forth the Western viewpoint, I have not found one farmer opposed to the wheat bonus for the West. Maritime farmers speak the same language as ourselves; and they have grave problems. They have no voice in buying or selling and there is much dissatisfaction and great uneasiness, and as yet little organization. Prices of lumber, fish and farm products are very low and the coal, iron and steel industries are largely inactive. Farmers generally are alarmed by the increasing tax burden.

Editor's Note: Mr. Sutherland, while touring the Maritimes in behalf of the Western Wheat Committee, has been addressing Canadian and Rotary clubs, and making contact with public opinion generally. His schedule included addresses at Truro, Moncton, St. John and elsewhere.

"Inopportune"

The British trade mission to Germany was postponed on Wednesday, the time being regarded as inopportune.

"The Wheel Has Turned"

Konrad Henlein, Sudeten Nazi Leader, who a few months ago fled from Czechoslovakia to avoid penalties for illegal activities, has now been made deputy dictator of the Czechs by Hitler.

Great Britain is spending \$1,175,000 daily on the production of military aircraft.

Questioned in the House of Commons on Tuesday about British responsibility in the new Czechoslovakian crisis and the guarantees given in the Munich agreement of the new Czechoslovakian boundaries, Prime Minister Chamberlain said there had been no "unprovoked aggression" which would make binding Britain's "moral" guarantee.

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W. W. Scott recently reorganized Picture Butte U.F.A. Local, with O. A. Lerohl and Bert Foster as officers.

Plans were made for a membership drive, following the delegate's report, at the last meeting of Tudor U.F.A. Local.

Geo. E. Church, M. W. Ward and A. Riley spoke at the organization meeting of Drumheller U.F.A. Local. Albert Anderson was elected president and Roy C. Haymond secretary.

GREAT ACTIVITY AMONG LOCALS IN MANY DISTRICTS

Both U.F.A. and Farm Women's
Locals Report Enthusiastic
Meetings Now

JOINT GATHERINGS

U.F.A. Directors and Staff and
Wheat Pool Co-operating in
Some Meetings

It is many years since there was as much activity among the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals as is now being reported from many sections of the Province. Large number of meetings have been held since the Annual Convention, many of the Directors of the U.F.A. and the staff of Central Office co-operating with the Alberta Wheat Pool in some of these series.

Recently George Bennett of the Alberta Wheat Pool held a series of meetings at Airdrie, Didsbury and Crossfield in which he was assisted by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President or Wilfrid Hoppins, Director for Red Deer. Jonathan Wheatley, Director for Medicine Hat, organized a series of meetings in the Eastern Irrigation District and was accompanied by Mr. Priestley on his tour.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

The unanimity in Western Canada in favor of the continuation of the Wheat Board and a minimum price is a matter of satisfaction to the Wheat Pools. Support of the Wheat Board is not confined to the farmers themselves or the farmers' organizations, but has adherents among virtually all business interests. In this matter there is a solidarity of opinion never before seen in Western Canada.

It should not be forgotten, however, that when the Wheat Pools were insisting that a Wheat Board was necessary in the years from 1930 until 1935 they were virtually alone among business interests of Canada in their support of that objective. Before the agricultural committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa Pool delegates advanced their views in favor of forming a Wheat Board on a number of occasions when every other interest represented opposed them. Pool opinion prevailed finally in 1935 when the experience of Mr. McFarland in wheat price stabilization substantiated the Pool viewpoint and convinced the government of the day that a Wheat Board was necessary. There is a lot of unwritten history in the struggle for a Wheat Board that ought to be published in view of the well-nigh universal acclaim in Western Canada in favor of its perpetuation.

The passage of events over the past few months has proven beyond question the need of a Wheat Board to afford a reasonable amount of price protection to the farmers in Western Canada. The Wheat Pools' original demand was for a grain board to handle both coarse grains and wheat. They were unsuccessful in achieving that objective, but nevertheless it is a real accomplishment to know that the advantage of a Wheat Board is now generally recognized in the west.

What the grain farmers of the West should never forget is that the steady, persistent, indomitable pressure of Wheat Pool representatives aided by the power of farm economic organizations really brought about the formation of a Wheat Board in 1935. If the Board had not been started that year the chances are it never would have been formed. Today, western opinion is remarkably concentrated in favor of its continuance.

Alberta Pool Elevators

African Trouble Zone



While there have been official denials in Rome and Paris, reports persist that a clash recently took place between Italian and French troops along the Tunisian-Libyan border with a list of killed of 84; and the French Mediterranean fleet has been concentrated at Bizerta. Recently an easing of tension is reported. Between the two colonies France has erected strong defence lines. Nazi officers have visited the Italian lines.

Meetings were held at Bassano, Tilley, and Cassils.

In Eastern Irrigation District

Reports at Central Office show that there are several hundred more members in the Eastern Irrigation District than at any time since 1934. A gathering of representatives of all Locals in the district—some 11 already organized—was recently held at Brooks and initial steps taken to organize a district co-operative association covering the territory.

On the Lethbridge Northern, at Iron Springs and Picture Butte, the membership drive has resulted in the largest number of members on the Lethbridge Northern project since 1930.

The Lethbridge city Locals are in good shape; also several other Locals in the vicinity of Lethbridge, including The White School which has gathered in a large membership.

Rallies Planned

A rally is to be held in Lethbridge on Saturday afternoon, March 18th. A rally is also scheduled for Taber on Thursday afternoon March 16th. W. W. Scott, Director for the district, will be assisted by Mr. Priestley and Miss Molly Coupland, U.F.W.A. Director, in initiating a membership campaign in the Lethbridge area.

Important Public Meetings

Milton H. Ward was the U.F.A. speaker at a number of public meetings organized by the Alberta Wheat Pool with Roy German as Wheat Pool speaker during the week of March 6th to 11th. Meetings were held at Ready-made, Barons, Carmangay and Plainfield. The attendance ranged up to 170 at these meetings. A series of meetings was held at Stettler, Alix, Lacombe and Ponoka. These rallies were addressed on behalf of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Board by Norman D. Stewart, a member of the Board. Mrs. Ray Carter and Mr. William Runte were speakers, together with Mr. Grafton of the Wheat Pool staff. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., was special speaker at Ponoka.

A series of meetings under the joint auspices of the Wheat Pool and the U.F.A. was held on the Big Valley to Munson line from March 6th to 11th. Points touched were Munson, Big Valley, Scollard, Rowley, Morrin and Michichi. Wilfred Hoppins, Director for Red Deer, was speaker for the U.F.A. A drive is on in the area around Edmonton. The whole territory within the radius of 25 miles of the city was recently mapped out at a meeting presided over by George Church, member of the Executive. Representatives of 15 Locals were present at the meeting.

There is evidence of activity being

Joint Drive for Membership and Leader Subscriptions

Recent activities of Morrin U.F.A. Local, writes P. H. Oliver, secretary, include arranging for a social evening (local stores kindly donating prizes) to which members of nearby Locals were invited; putting on a drive for membership and subscriptions to The Western Farm Leader; sending by air mail a request to the Prime Minister for continuance of the Wheat Board and set price for wheat; giving \$5 to the Junior Conference Fund.

High River Farm Women Have Active Local

High River U.F.W.A. Local hold their monthly meetings in a hall in town, finding this more convenient in many respects, writes Mrs. Alta Sheeley, secretary. "We feel we have a very interesting program mapped out for the coming year; the first two months are always given over to the Convention. Though most members voice their disappointment in the U.F.A. going out of politics, we are gradually readjusting ourselves in other interests for the good of our Local. Our March meeting was in the hands of Mrs. Archie Hogge, who took for her topic music, giving a biography of Beethoven and playing several of this composer's works. Other musical items given during the afternoon were Irish melodies and a solo by Mrs. T. Allen. We have a visiting committee, and a flower and gift fund. Gifts are presented to those who have been in good standing for five years or more, and are celebrating a wedding or birthday anniversary. Many have been faithful to the organization twenty years and more. Outside our regular meetings we have taken up the study of international relations, and find worth while interest in this subject. Our social events are popular and enjoyed by all, and our money-making schemes varied and profitable."

Retiring Justice Has Record of Public-Spirited Service

From helping the sweated New York garment workers to secure a contract that has been in use with little change since 1910, to saving for the people of Boston their municipally-owned subway transportation system; Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who recently resigned from the U.S. Supreme Court, at the age of 82, has to his credit a long list of public-spirited achievements. On the bench, he was for many years in the minority who upheld the validity of reform legislation as the first Federal Child Labor Law; since the Supreme Court was reorganized by President Roosevelt, Judge Brandeis became one of a progressive majority who reversed former decisions on the minimum wage law for women and children, and upheld various items of the New Deal administration.

Calgary Spring Shows

Fat stock and baby beef entries at the Calgary Spring Shows and Sales, will be judged on the morning of April 4th, (opening day) and sold the same afternoon; bulls will be judged on the morning of April 5th, and sold commencing 1:30 p.m. the same day. The Horse Show will be held April 5th to 8th, with classifications for heavy and light horses, and the special entertainment feature will be the musical ride by the Lord Strathcona's Horse.

planned as soon as the roads are opened in the Peace River area. A request was recently received at Central Office for 15 receipt books for the Grande Prairie Local. Membership returns at Central Office are nearly 100 per cent higher than for the same period of 1938.

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

When Debt Outlawed

O.C.M.—The Debt Adjustment Acts from 1933 to 1938 contained a clause by which the Statute of Limitations did not operate during such time as creditors were prevented from taking action by reason of that act. This section was struck out of the act on April 8th, 1938. Excepting for the provisions of the Debt Adjustment Act above mentioned, a debt is outlawed in six years after the last payment or acknowledgment in writing. Under the circumstances I think it will be at least two years before the note in question is outlawed.

Doubtful if Valid in Canada

H.A.H.—It is very doubtful if a divorce obtained in the manner set out in your letter would be recognized as a valid divorce in Canada and you would not be safe in acting upon it. I think the advice you have received is sound.

Should Consult Receiver

East Anglian.—I think you should consult the nearest Official Receiver under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, particularly if you have other debts besides the Mortgage in question. Such Official Receiver can advise you as to what adjustment you would probably get by an application under the Dominion Act. If you have no other creditors and this creditor is willing to take \$200 for all arrears of interest and extend the term of the Mortgage over a period of years at 5 per cent, I think you would be well advised to accept, as I doubt if you would secure a better adjustment under either the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act or the Dominion Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.

Go With Land

G.R.E.—The answer to your question is that the improvements in question are no doubt fixtures and therefore go with the land when the land is taken under Tax Sale Proceedings.

Can Give Discharge of Mortgage

Worried.—I see no difficulty whatever in the way of your brother giving you a Discharge of Mortgage. If he gives you the Discharge you can register it as soon as received.

Under Manitoba Statutes

M.H.—I have not a copy of the Statutes of Manitoba or other Provinces and cannot therefore express an opinion in this column as to the effect of the Statutes of other Provinces of Canada.

Should Consult Solicitor

C.G.A.—As I am not familiar with the statute law of Saskatchewan, I am unable to give you reliable advice, as I do not know whether there is a

Goes Places and Gets Business

That The Western Farm Leader really goes places and gets business for its advertisers, even from faraway points, is shown in a letter recently received by Messrs. T. Alton & Sons, from W. E. Barnes, a Los Angeles subscriber. Mr. Barnes owns a farm in Alberta, and wanted lumber for repairs and grain bins.

Bill Provides for State Fire Insurance; Claimed Will Mean Large Savings

Government's View Outlined—Opposition Still to Be Heard From Regarding Measure

EDMONTON, Mar. 15th.—As a part of the "interim program" and as another device for securing, according to the Government contention, "more purchasing power for the people of Alberta" the Government has brought down, and given first reading to, a state fire insurance scheme. It has yet to be subjected to opposition criticism. A very detailed analysis of its claims by critics will doubtless come on second reading.

No apology is offered by the Government for this being in competition with commercial fire insurance companies; on the contrary it is intimated that protection will be offered at substantially less premium, not only thereby saving money for the insured but also lowering the overhead of handling his business with the intention that consumers will ultimately reap the benefit.

Among other points in justification of the project it is claimed that fire insurance companies in Alberta, in 1935, 1936 and 1937, paid claims for losses only 34.17 per cent of what they collected in premiums—a gross profit (the Government figures) of 65.83 per cent.

Based on the experience of a similar scheme in New Zealand, it is estimated by the Government that the three-year profit accruing to companies from insurance written in Alberta would be approximately 22.32 per cent—which it is averred would go back to the people through the channels of general revenue for public services instead of being drawn out of the Province as now.

If the project passes the Legislature the new branch will be another responsibility of the Provincial Secretary's Department.

provincial statute dealing with your situation. I think you should consult a local solicitor in Saskatchewan as to your legal rights.

Well Advised Not to Sign

J.A.M.—Under the circumstances mentioned in your letter I would advise against signing a renewal agreement. You have the protection of the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act and will receive notice of any application by your creditor to commence proceedings. I think you will be well advised to simply rest under that protection for the time being.

Community Hall

R.G.T.—I would advise you to write directly to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines setting out the circumstances under which the community hall was built. If the hall is being used solely as a community enterprise the Department would probably arrange to give you a grant of the land on which the hall was situated even if it is abandoned by the homesteader. The cost of registration should not be large, probably around \$5.00.

Maintenance Order

M.Z.—Apparently a Maintenance Order was made against you by a District Court Judge after hearing such evidence as he thought fit to receive. I cannot see how you can now safely evade payment as directed. Section 8 of the Act provides a heavy fine or imprisonment not exceeding

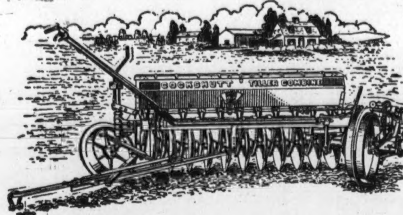


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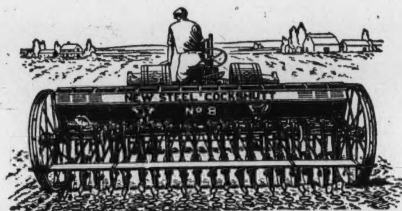
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three months for failure to comply with the Order. I cannot see how you can hope to prove that the witnesses perjured themselves. If, as a result of this Order, you cannot pay your debts as they become due, I can only suggest that you depend on the protection of the Debt Adjustment Act or make an application under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act to have your debts adjusted.

In response to a poll taken by the British Institute of Public Opinion (an organization equivalent to the Gallup poll in the United States), 85 per cent of the British voters who sent in replies said that they would favor support of Russia as against Nazi Germany in the event of a Nazi-Soviet war.

A 20 to 30 per cent rate reduction in territory formerly served by the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, and liberty for employees to organize, are two benefits that are expected to accrue from the purchase by the Tennessee Valley Authority of the corporation's holdings in the State for \$80,000,000. In addition, public ownership throughout the Southern States will be enormously strengthened.

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HAVE YOU WRITTEN?

In all parts of Alberta and in other prairie Provinces, farmers' meetings during recent weeks have endorsed the proposals of the Bracken Committee, calling for the continuance of the Wheat Board during the crop season of 1939-40, with a guaranteed minimum price of not less than 80 cents a bushel for One Northern wheat, basis Fort William.

But public meetings are not enough. Every farmer and farm woman who wishes to save the Wheat Board and the guaranteed price should write to the Minister of Agriculture to say so.

According to authentic information received by *The Western Farm Leader* from Ottawa during the past few days, Hon. J. G. Gardiner reports that the number of individual letters calling for the Board and the pegged price has to date been only about one-tenth as great as it was last season, when the West called for an effective Board and a pegged price of 87½ cents.

The need for the Wheat Board and the setting of a minimum price is greater today than it was last fall. The farmers are as conscious of the need now as they were then. The West as a whole, speaking through the Bracken Committee (officially the "Western Committee on Markets and Agriculture"), has made its representations and members of the committee have since toured Eastern Canada to acquaint our fellow-Canadians there with the nature of the crisis with which the Prairie Provinces, and therefore the Dominion as a whole, are faced.

The Committee, which, as the list of organizations and business concerns printed on page 13 of this issue indicates, is a thoroughly representative body, covering a wide range of interests, is doing its part. It is reported to have made a favorable impression upon the Government at Ottawa.

It remains now for individual farmers and farm women to make their views known to the Minister of Agriculture.

The importance of such action has been stressed by spokesmen of the various bodies which make up the Bracken Committee. In the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader* we strongly urged this course, and in consequence, many letters have already been received

at the *Leader* office advising us that the writers have communicated with the Minister. As our news columns show, some farmers have gone to the trouble of obtaining the signatures of all the neighbors with whom it has been possible for them to make contact. In numerous instances the draft letter which we published (and which we reprint in this issue) has been signed by from two or three to 45 or even as many as 60 persons.

May we urge all who have not already done so to act now? It is the individual letter to Ottawa that will at this time carry most weight.

And, again, may we suggest that, when you have written to the Minister, you will send us a short note, to tell us what you have done.

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Alberta being a predominantly agricultural Province, the chief source of the revenues by which the University at Edmonton is financed is the agricultural industry. Farm people have at times been inclined to question the expenditure, on the ground that Universities sometimes tend to become too self-centred, too preoccupied with the remotely academic, and insufficiently conscious of their responsibility to the community. Owing to the fact that agriculture is the most depressed of industries, those who pay most of the taxes are themselves unable to take advantage of the services which a University can give.

The development of the Department of Extension has done a good deal to minimise this sort of criticism. The work that is being carried on in a dozen different ways has tended to bring the University to the people. And Donald Cameron, the Director of the Department, with his agricultural background, has been responsible for important innovations which have been widely appreciated.

Of these innovations, none has been more heartily welcomed than the courses in International Affairs (both the correspondence courses and the addresses and discussions over the University radio network), which have been given this season for the first time, under the direction of Watson Thomson.

Mr. Thomson's background of education and experience have peculiarly

fitted him for this undertaking. He has been able to present to many thousands of Albertans the results of research into modern, and particularly post-war history, which has necessarily dispelled some of the prejudice and misinformation which accumulated during the period of partizan nationalist propaganda of the Great War and succeeding years.

What Professor Gilbert Murray and other distinguished men have been doing in the British Universities, Mr. Thomson has endeavored, with marked success, to do for the people of this Province—particularly for the rural people. The adherent of no political party, the blind partizan of no school of nationalistic thought, he has been able to present a picture of the unfolding pages of the history of our distracted age which is proving of the very greatest value in interpreting the news as it comes from overseas from day to day.

Beverly Baxter, we believe, once referred to a group of university men who had taken some part in the dispelling of the myths born of the last war, as "weedy intellectuals." But this sort of obscurantist nonsense is resented by unprejudiced citizens, especially by the rural people of this Province, from many of whom it has been our good fortune to hear.

The season for winter study is now drawing to a close. We believe that it will be the general wish of Alberta rural people that such a course in International Affairs as has been given by Mr. Thomson shall be continued by him next fall.

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RETURNED CANADIANS

Mrs. Richard Price, former President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, who while in Calgary has been acting as treasurer of the special fund being raised to meet the needs of Canadians who came back to Canada after fighting for the Loyalist Government in Spain, has now returned to the farm at Stettler. Contributions should now be sent to Alexander Calhoun, Librarian, Calgary Public Library. The need is in many cases very great. The thirteen doctors of the Calgary Associate Clinic are giving free medical and surgical attention to any who require it. "Medicine knows no politics," said Dr. Scarlett, as quoted in a recent issue of this paper. Neither should humanity. Even the smallest contribution will be appreciated by the representative committee, headed by Mr. Calhoun, which has undertaken to raise the necessary fund.

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SHALL MONEY CONTROL?

L. W. Brockington, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, presented a convincing case before a committee of the House of Commons for the refusal of the C.B.C. to sell time on its chains to interests or wealthy individuals who can afford to pay the enormous cost of such a service.

But, W. M. Davidson reports in the *Calgary Albertan*, there are alarming reports that the battle is not ended, and that "the reactionaries are gang-ing up to destroy the C.B.C., throwing radio to the wolves, or in other words, surrendering it to the private corporations."

The farm people of Alberta who do not wish the discussion of public questions on the air to become a monopoly of the wealthiest Canadian interests, would be well advised to get into the fight, and let Mr. Brockington and Hon. W. D. Howe, the Minister of Transport, know that they are behind the C.B.C. in this fight.

SETS FORTH VIEW OF GOVERNMENT ON DEBT PROBLEM

Maynard Declares Essentials for
Co-operation Between Ottawa
and Edmonton Lacking

By PAUL MAARTEN

EDMONTON.—A statement of the Government's point of view of the private debt situation, having particularly to do with farmers' debts, was made in the Assembly Friday by Hon. Lucien Maynard, Minister of Municipal Affairs. He was replying to the suggestion of Mr. O'Connor (Liberal, Edmonton), earlier in the debate, that the Provincial Government should invite Ottawa's co-operation in solving this vexed problem.

Says No "Unity of Purpose"

Mr. Maynard objected, at the outset, that co-operation implied unity of purpose and that this essential condition is not present. The Alberta Government, he said, is opposed to high interest rates and has set their paring down as one of its objectives. He could not see, he said, that Ottawa would be willing to join in this, but rather to protect first mortgages at the expense alike of debtors and creditors. The Opposition in this Assembly had taken sides against the home owners, he averred, when it opposed the Home Owners' Security Act of last session and when this passed in spite of opposition, mortgage companies had induced the Dominion Government to disallow it.

He expressed the opinion that "the people" have no chance against the mortgage companies, contributors to party funds and beneficiaries of party protection.

But Mr. Maynard recalled that the Alberta Government has made provision for a moratorium which, he warned the House, it will not fail to enforce should the need arise.

Critical of Saskatchewan Scheme

When he turned his attention to Saskatchewan and the settlement of debt there, which the Opposition here has highly praised, he denied, in the first place, that the settlement represented any sacrifice on the part of the mortgage companies. Arrears of taxes, it is true, had been cancelled by the municipalities and the Government of the Province had waived its claims on the municipalities as the Dominion Government had on the Provincial, and the mortgage companies had got as far as writing off a portion of their interest. But, he pointed out, with evidence quoted from the *Financial Post* (written "for the reassurance of these companies' shareholders," he said), they continued to be more than adequately secured by vast reserves. Their position was even strengthened when the Governments waived their prior claims.

Mr. Maynard averred it was to add insult to injury that the Saskatchewan Government now calls on private creditors to follow, without any reserves, to fall back on, the mortgage companies' example.

Regards as "Temporary Expedient"

But even at best, the Minister continued, the Dominion's debt adjustment legislation is no more than a temporary expedient for, in the financial system under which we are operating, even if the whole of every farmer's debt were written off, a system of "borrowing ourselves out of debt" would soon bring us back where we are.

The Minister concluded by stating it was up to Ottawa to keep its "hands off Alberta" so that this Government can help its own people out of debt or that the Ottawa Government should take adequate steps to do so in a Federal way—which is the essence of a resolution moved earlier by Mr. Cockroft, formerly Provincial Treasurer and now the Independent Social Credit member from Stettler.

Limit Arms Profits to 5 per Cent Under New Ottawa Measure

Details Given of Important Legis-
lation Which Will Govern
Future War Contracts

By M. McDUGALL

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, MAR. 15th.—The bill to create a defence purchasing board has been launched on its path through Parliament. In its initial legislative stages it has met with little opposition.

Main Feature of Bill

The main feature of the bill which has brought pretty widespread support, is its provision to control war munition profits in drastic fashion. By the provisions of the bill the rate of profit is not to exceed five per cent on the capital actually in operation. If the profit is found to be higher, the excess is taken by the Government in the form of taxation.

Defence Purchasing Board

Some of the cardinal features of the legislation are:

(1) The provision for the creation of a Defence Purchasing Board of four members, which will negotiate all contracts for defence equipment with a value of over five thousand dollars.

(2) A double check on contracts, as there would first be a requisition for materials wanted, from the Defence Minister, and all contracts would be placed before the Cabinet for approval through the Minister of Finance.

(3) Where competitive bids are practicable the bids will be requested through advertising in the press.

(4) All purchases to be made in Canada and if the board deemed it necessary to buy something outside Canada the Cabinet should have the reason for this explained to them.

In regard to the contracts for which bids were impracticable, the Minister explained: "There are sometimes secret specifications which it is not in the public interest to distribute among miscellaneous contractors for bidding purposes; and there are, especially in a small country like Canada, which has no past experience in arms manufacture, sometimes undertakings of an involved and technical character with which industry in this country has had no past experience and on which there is no sound basis for estimating costs in advance. In such cases firms tendering have a tendency to allow very wide margins for unforeseen hazards."

Basis for Computing Profits

The profit allowed the manufacturer of war munitions is five per cent on the "average amount of capital employed in the performance of the contract." Capital in this connection is the cost (less depreciation) of the physical assets including plant, machinery and working capital. The net profit on a contract, which will be divided between the manufacturer to the extent of five per cent on capital in operation and the Government to the extent of all profits above this amount, will be the actual amount received under the contract less actual expenses, disbursements, allowances for depreciation and such overhead expenses as the board will find rightly chargeable to the contract. Interest on borrowed capital will not be included in expenses.

Another feature of the bill deals with the financing of a portion of defence estimates to be liquidated in ten years through a sinking fund.

Government Arsenals and Private Plants

There is of course certain to be a good deal of discussion on the general question of nationalization of arms manufacture as opposed to private production of munitions. In the preliminary speeches this was not very fully dealt with except by the Minister, Mr. Mackenzie. He said Canadian arsenals were producing a much greater quantity mainly of articles

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for which there was a fairly steady demand than a few years ago. The adoption of what he called the grand arsenal principle, however, he claimed, would have meant an extremely heavy expenditure, and much of the rearmament already accomplished would have been impossible.

Without reference to the cleavage on this question of private and public ownership, which will be aired later on, the step taken to control profits has unquestionably met with a good deal of approval. A point on which a great deal of emphasis has been laid is that the greatest care must be used in selecting the personnel of the purchasing board. Mr. Douglas Weyburn (C.C.F.) said in this connection: "If the Government is sincere and proposes to give to the board substantial authority, and to put on this

Urge Embargo on Arms Exports to Aggressor States

Twenty thousand signatures were secured by the Vancouver Embargo Council to their petition asking for a Federal ban on munitions shipments to aggressor nations up to last Saturday, and it was expected that the number would be greatly increased by a drive to be put on in that city. The petition is now circulating in Alberta and other Provinces.

board the kind of men who will command the confidence of the Canadian people, then we can do what the Minister of National Defence so eloquently professes to believe in, that is, take the profit element out of the manufacture of war materials."

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

In the interests of the
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

Meetings Will Be Held as Listed Below:

- BENTLEY**—Tuesday, March 21st, 2:30 p.m. Director M. Armstrong.
LACOMBE—Tuesday, March 21st, 8:30 p.m. Director M. Armstrong.
DELBURNE—Thursday, March 23rd, 2:30 p.m., Sands' Hall, above Club Cafe. Director J. Wood, Delegate O. E. Johnston.
ERICKSON—Friday, March 24th, 2 p.m., Central Hall, Telephone Exchange. Director M. Oppel.
ALHAMBRA—Saturday, March 25th, 2 p.m. Director M. Oppel.
LESLIEVILLE—Saturday, March 25th, 8 p.m., Leslieville Hall. Director M. Oppel.
ERSKINE—Saturday, April 1st, 2 p.m. Director Geo. E. Morrison.
ALIX—Saturday, April 1st, 8 p.m. Director Geo. E. Morrison.

SPEAKERS

In addition to the Directors, Speakers will be:
GEO. K. MacSHANE, President C.A.D.P.,
ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE, Manager C.A.D.P.,
 A Representative of the Co-operative Activities Branch

*Members, Shippers and Friends of the Pool are Cordially
Invited to Attend*

The Power of Economic Democracy

By DR. H. L. NIX, President, Red Deer Consumers' Co-operative Association, Limited

Most people in Alberta would like to do something to remedy the evils that afflict our Economic System. In 1935 the protest took the form of a political revolt, which has proven about as effective as such efforts have been in the past. We are now at a loss to know what to do, yet we have in our hands the greatest economic power in existence.

Basis of Economic Power

That power is contained in the dollars which we spend, and the products which we grow and sell. It has built all the great corporations that now, in such large measure, control and carry on Industry and Distribution. One of the largest of these was built by the power of 5 and 10 cent purchases. Last year it accumulated \$28,000,000 in profits (velvet), more

new power for a few, less to live on for the many.

Likewise, the grain, cream, live-stock, etc., that we produce carry power to build great grain companies, great packing house and dairy produce corporations. We give away the greatest economic force in existence, to be used against us. It is much easier to listen to the pleasing arguments of advertisers and to give way before the strenuous efforts of salesmanship, than it is to carry out the responsibilities of citizenship in an Economic Democracy.

Building Own Organization

The members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool are using the power of their production to build an organization that will work for them as far as it is able. Just now they are showing a great amount of loyalty under very difficult conditions. However, they are wise enough to know that even if prices are low, their own organization is being built from their production. The demand for loyalty makes better co-operators, and no co-operative organization will go far in building power for the people unless the members are alive to their responsibilities, as well as their privileges.

Consumer and Producer Co-operatives together provide the new system of distribution that is so much desired. They constitute Economic Democracy and are entirely dependent on the voluntary efforts of an intelligent and faithful citizenship. World events seem to show that people must be worthy of freedom, in order to keep it. Can we have Economic Democracy in Alberta?

The average value per acre of occupied farm lands in 1938 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$24 for Canada; the Provinces range from \$15 for Saskatchewan and Alberta to \$45 for Ontario and \$60 for B.C.

The current rice crop in India shows an estimated drop of about 12 per cent from last year's.

Board's Policy Is to Give Complete Information . . .

A Further Message From the Vice-President

Dear Fellow Members:

Now that we have begun 1939, what can we do to make it the banner year we promised ourselves it should and will be?

The first thing is to take a sincere interest in your business, find out all about it, get all the information you can get, read carefully all information sent you, attend all meetings, for by knowing all about your business, you will have confidence in it—and it will do away with all suspicion, and will put you in a position to answer questions put to you and nip in the bud any false information floating around.

To Give All Information

Your present Board's policy is to give all the information they can and you wish to have. It is true that some of the information, when given to the public, may act as a boomerang; that is the penalty of a co-operative concern. But all information given can do no harm if you stay loyal to your organization, and supply them with your product, for the other fellow is helpless without the product, no matter what he knows.

It has been said, time and time again, that farmers cannot stick together and that co-operative concerns will not last, so it is up to us to show those critics. Hard as that may be, it can and must be done if we are going to keep from becoming serfs. The returns from your Pool are not only a matter of Dollars and Cents, it is also the tie between you and your fellow farmers. Here you have something in common, something that puts you in the same boat, worth fighting for if need be.

Main Thing Is Volume

When you have convinced yourselves that your Pool is on a sound footing, an organization that will help you to realize all that is possible from your product, tell your neighbor about it, talk to him and point out the advantage there is in supporting your own business. The main thing is volume, the more volume the less overhead, less manufacturing costs, more money for your product.

Perhaps you know all this, but it is of no value to you unless you realize it and put it into operation.

Time is about past to nominate your choice for Delegate and I hope you have given this item the time and attention it deserves. Your Delegate is your mouthpiece; he decides the most important questions, selects the Director for you; his voice is law at the Annual Meeting. Every sub-district should select a Delegate. So many times you have heard real common sense, good philosophy, fair criticism, while waiting for the mail or while the grocer puts up the order; if only this could be voiced at a meeting, how much good it would do. There is the place to talk over things concerning you and your neighbor.

Attend the Meetings

A series of meetings will be held shortly in your district, arranged by your Director, so you can meet the Manager of your Pool and hear all about the operation of your Pool. Bring your family, your neighbor, fill your car with them and don't come alone if you can help it.

Let the past be our guide, for the future is still ahead and the future will bring you things which we learned of in the past. Combine the experience of the past and use it to advantage

for what you want in the future. Let us get together and stay together. Sure, we know this is a next-year country, mostly it is next year, but what if we once catch up to next year, what a triumph it will be! And catch it we will, for we are determined to make it, you and I, are we not?

Yes—and nothing can stop those who are determined to work for the better, to create something that will benefit mankind. So let us whistle while we work, to build a BIGGER and BETTER CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL.

MAGNUS OPPEL,
Vice-President.

Alhambra.

Picture Now Much Brighter Than It Was One Year Ago

Director Urges Each Individual to Do Share of Duty for Pool—Must Work and Plan

Erskine, Alta.,

Dear Fellow Members of the C.A.D.P.:

Having carefully followed the recent articles written by your Manager, President and members of the Executive, which have appeared in the columns of *The Western Farm Leader*, I am sure you are quite well informed as to the position of your organization, financial and otherwise.

Brighter Picture

I feel sure you will agree with me that it presents a much brighter picture today than could have truthfully been painted a year ago. However, we must not become over optimistic, but must continue to work and plan carefully and cautiously in the future so that we may avoid a

CO-OPERATIVE MEETING

Eckville Hall

Friday, March 24th, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS
AND ENTERTAINMENT

Everyone invited to come to this meeting, held in the interest of CO-OPERATION. Vital questions will be discussed. This meeting held under the auspices of the
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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Determination and Enthusiasm Keynotes of C.A.D.P. Meetings

Audiences Welcome Frank Discussion of Affairs of Their Pool by Officers

Responding with enthusiasm to the frank discussion of all Pool affairs by the President, Directors and Manager, who explained in detail the problems which have had to be faced and the possibilities of future achievement, members, shippers and friends of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool in attendance at meetings held recently at Bowden, Penhold and Lousana, followed the addresses with keen attention and expressed the most loyal determination to support their own enterprise to the utmost, and to carry it forward on the highroad to new successes.

Evidence of New Spirit

These meetings, which, as indicated elsewhere on this page, marked the early part of a series to be held throughout the territory tributary to the Pool, all gave evidence of the new spirit which is now to be found in Pool circles everywhere. General good feeling prevailed, and the audiences were gratified by the fact that they were encouraged to seek information upon all Pool affairs, and were given the information they sought.

At Bowden

First of the series was held at Bowden on the evening of Saturday, February 25th, when with R. E. Teeling in the chair and Mr. Clarke acting as secretary, Delegate Sinclair gave his report on the adjourned annual meeting. R. Pye, delegate from Penhold, brought greetings from his district, and President George K. MacShane described the general policy of the Pool and exhorted all present to give support to their own co-operative enterprise. By this means, he said, they could not only ensure a brighter future for themselves and their families, but make a contribution of great value to the solution of the grave economic problems which confront our civilization today. He was given an excellent reception.

General Manager Ellis A. Johnstone, who was also very well received, clearly and candidly discussed the operations of the Pool in 1938 and the prospects for 1939. There was a good attendance, about fifty persons including some ladies being present.

At Penhold

At the Penhold meeting, held on Friday, March 10th, Ronald Pye presided, with A. B. McGorman as secretary, while the speakers were

recurrence of the sad position in which we found ourselves so recently, always remembering that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

We each and all throughout the organization must realize that we are an integral part of a great co-operative movement and that each member, whatever his or her position, has a very definite duty. The members as a whole have been wonderfully loyal through the trying times past, and we now solicit your continued loyalty and support in the future, trusting that each and all will feel in duty bound to do all within their power to further the interest of the organization.

Meetings at Erskine-Alix

In closing I would like to announce to the shippers, whom I have the privilege to represent on the Board, that I am arranging for the following meetings to be held on April 1st: Erskine, 2 p.m., and Alix at 8 p.m.; the speakers to be Mr. A. H. Christensen, Supervisor of Provincial Co-operatives, Mr. E. A. Johnstone, General Manager, C.A.D.P.; Mr. G. K. MacShane, President, and others.

Yours for further co-operation,

GEO. E. MORRISON.

Director, Div. 1.

Messrs. Pye, Julien, MacShane and Johnstone. There was an excellent discussion and question period, and again the frankness with which all details asked for in regard to the position of the Pool was remarked upon.

At Lousana

On March 11th, at Lousana, at a meeting called by James Wood, director, Mr. Wallin was appointed chairman and Mr. Wood secretary. Mr. Wallin delivered his report as delegate to the adjourned annual meeting, Plant Superintendent James Anderson gave an interesting account of the Alix plant, and President MacShane dealt with Pool policy, while Manager Johnstone, using a chart to illustrate the past operations of the Pool, gave a lucid account of the position of the enterprise. More than 60 persons attended, and the reports were all received with enthusiasm.

CJCF - Friendly Voice of the Foothills

Mr. Jim Gerke has been appointed manager of the *Albertan* radio station CJCF in place of Mr. H. A. Webster who has managed the activities of the *Albertan* Radio outlet for the past three years.

In coming to the studios of CJCF Mr. Gerke brings a wealth of radio experience, as he has been associated with broadcasting in Western Canada for many years, being one of the pioneers of radio development in Calgary along with W. W. Grant. The new manager has already thrown the machinery of his new plans into action and is out to make CJCF an outstanding example of its slogan—"The Friendly Voice of the Foothills."

Another new voice now heard on daily features of CJCF is that of Leo Trainer. Leo's news announcing ability brought him outstanding comment as the original Texaco News Announcer in Calgary and since leaving CFCN Leo has gained added radio experience at the West coast, working with CJOR in Vancouver and CKOV in Kelowna. Leo found however, that Calgary is a great place after all and is back in the City where he has taken over the news announcing duties at the *Albertan* Radio Station and will also be used on several new features being planned at CJCF.

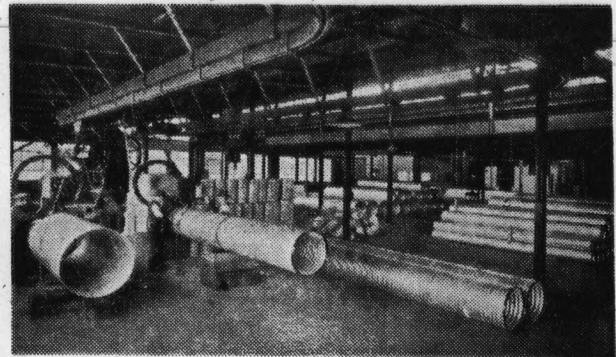
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An international cotton conference was recently proposed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The object would be to divide import markets among the principal cotton producing nations, to avoid dumping.

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to serve the heavy demand that is coming in for them. The Smiles N' Chuckles program along with the "Heigh Ho" club are contesting for the honor of bringing in the largest allotment to their respective programs with Leo Trainer and Don MacKay making a real fight out of it.

The pastor had just returned from a visit abroad, and a big crowd had collected to meet him. Beaming with pleasure, the good man got up to speak.

"My dear friends," he started, "I will not call you ladies and gentlemen, because I know you too well."

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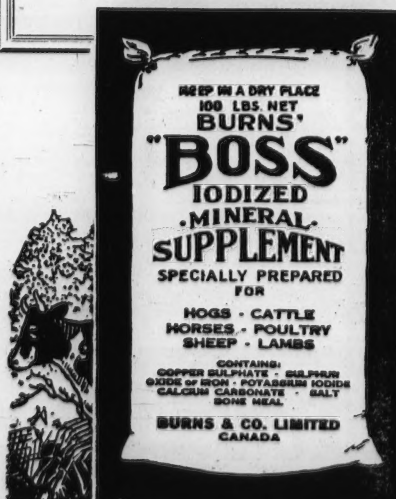
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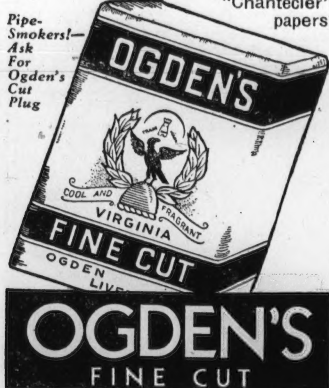
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for seed this year, it is reported.

Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

The report that a second Board of
Review would be set up in Alberta,
under the F.C.A.A., has been denied
by Ottawa.

Roads throughout southern Alberta
were badly drifted early this week,
following the week-end snow falls,
and the worst tie-up of the winter
threatened.

E. J. Garland, national C.C.F. or-
ganizer, is assisting William Irvine,
Provincial organizer, with a series of
meetings throughout the central and
northern parts of the Province. Good
attendance is reported.

Seven charges under the Narcotic
Drug Act have been laid by the
R.C.M.P. against Mrs. Pidgeon, former
proprietor of the Olds nursing home
in which three infants lost their lives
last December. The coroner's jury,
while returning an open verdict, stated
that paregoric had been used in the
home.

Two women died on operating tables
in Calgary General Hospital, on
successive days, early this month.
In the case of Mrs. Mabel Watson,
of Ardenode, the coroner's jury were
unable to name the actual cause of
death; in the case of the other woman,
Mrs. Duxbury of Calgary, it was found
that a mistake had been made by
someone in adjusting the anaesthesia
machine, so that the proportions of
gases administered were reversed.

DOMINION

A memorandum, signed by repre-
sentative Canadians in the East and
West, has been published, urging that
Canada affirm her right to determine
whether she will or will not be a
belligerent in any future war.

C.P.R. net earnings in 1938 were
\$20,752,466, a drop of almost \$3,000,-
000 from the previous year.

Halifax police have set at 28 the
death toll from the fire which destroyed
the Queen's Hotel. The dead included
24 guests and 4 hotel employees.

J. Anatole Desfosses was acquitted
in a Quebec court on charges of witch-
craft last week. Witnesses said the man,
a seventh son of a seventh son, had
healing power.

The purpose of George McCullagh's
"Leadership League" is to undermine
democratic institutions, declared M.
J. Coldwell, national C.C.F. chairman,
in an address in Toronto.

Overturning of a sleigh-load of wheat
he was taking to the elevator killed
Robert Weir, former Federal Minister
of Agriculture, near his farm at
Weldon, Saskatchewan, last week.

A victory was scored for the C.B.C.
and its chairman, L. W. Brockington,
when the Parliamentary radio com-
mittee voted against calling for min-
utes of the C.B.C. board of governors.

Sir Joseph Flavelle, Canadian finan-
cier and industrial magnate, died
suddenly in Florida last week, at the
age of 81. Knighted during the war
for his services as chairman of the
Imperial Munitions Board, he was
also the subject of charges at that time
of war profiteering.

The suggestion that the King and
Queen should go to Callander to see
the Dionne quintuplets having been
coldly received, Oliva Dionne has
graciously accepted the invitation of
the Ontario Government to carry
him, his wife, the famous little girls,
and their retinue, by special train to
Toronto, where the children will be
presented to Their Majesties.

A "New Democracy Movement"
with committees active in every con-
stituency to endorse reform candidates
and rally the progressive vote in the
next Federal election, has been an-
nounced by Hon. W. D. Herridge.
Groups are already organizing, he
stated, with the definite purpose of
"packing the next Parliament with
men and women free from the political
machine."

WORLD

Professor Albert Einstein, Jewish
scientist, formerly a German citizen,
now living in New York, announced
on Monday that he had discovered
a new explanation for gravity.

Japanese air raids have wrought
destruction and a considerable death
toll on several far inland Chinese
cities, including Loyang, Ichang and
Yenen, and have captured the last
remaining Chinese seaport, Haichow.

A wheat plan to be submitted to an
international conference in London
on April 13th includes a minimum
price to be agreed upon by importing
countries, and the division of the world
market into quotas for the exporting
countries.

President Roosevelt, in his recent
declaration that the U.S. would seek
by every peaceful means to keep re-
ligious and personal freedom alive,
had been the cause of the new Czecho-
slovakian crisis, assert Nazi spokesmen
in Berlin.

France is seeking to get rid of some
400,000 Spanish refugees, including
50,000 soldiers. The plight of these
refugees, particularly the wounded
soldiers, is wretched in the extreme,
without anything approaching ade-
quate shelter, food, sanitation, or
medical care.

"Reasonable Hopes" of Board Declares Lew Hutchinson

The brief presented to the Federal
Cabinet on behalf of Western Canada,
by the Western wheat committee, was
described by Prime Minister Mac-
kenzie King as an "historic docu-
ment," said Lew Hutchinson, Wheat
Pool chairman, on his return to
Calgary from Ottawa. The committee
had done their utmost, said Mr.
Hutchinson, to impress upon the
Government the necessity of the
continuation of the Wheat Board,
and had "reasonable hopes" that
this would be granted.

Britain and France are reported
to have pledged assistance to Holland
and Switzerland in event of Nazi
invasion.

The new Rumanian Premier, Ar-
mand Calinescu, was responsible for
the putting down, temporarily at least,
of Nazi organizations last November.

Letters reaching the B.B.C., London,
from Germany, via far distant points,
express gratitude for news broadcasts
in the German language.

A plan for an independent Arab
state in Palestine, making the Jewish
population there a permanent minority,
is said to be ready for putting into
effect by the British Cabinet.

With medieval pomp and traditional
magnificence, the new Pope, Pius
XII, was crowned on Sunday. A
crowd of 350,000 saw the ceremony,
performed on the balcony of St.
Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

General Plans Surrender

Immediately after the departure
from Spain of Premier Negrin and
members of his cabinet, overthrown
by General Miaja, who took charge
of the remaining Loyalist territory,
including Madrid, ostensibly to con-
tinue resistance to the German and
Italian invaders, made offers of sur-
render to General Franco. Communist
opposition to this course (it is thought
in some quarters that Miaja's terms
would probably mean firing squads
for his left wing troops) has led to
armed clashes between the two fac-
tions. With troops massed near the
city, Franco appears to await the
surrender of Madrid.

End of Czechoslovakia

The last act in the tragedy of Czecho-
slovakia was written on Tuesday
when, following the setting up of
Slovakia as a separate unit, under
pressure from Hitler, President Hacha
resigned to Berlin and, after a three-
hour talk with the Nazi head, broad-
cast the blunt announcement to his
people that he had placed their fate
in Hitler's hands, that the Govern-
ment was dissolved, that German troops
were moving into the country, and that
no resistance must be offered to them.
The fate of the eastern province,
Carpatho-Ruthenia, is still uncertain,
with Poland, Hungary and Rumania
each working to snatch it, and their
troops reported moving in; however,
German troops also approaching from
the west will doubtless be the deciding
factor.

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EDMONTON, Mar. 15th. — Wheat price pegged at \$1 a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, Vancouver, for the first 2,000 bushels grown in any year by any individual farmer, a pegged price of 45 cents a bushel for oats, basis No. 2 C.W., Vancouver, and 65 cents for barley, basis No. 3 C.W., Vancouver (also on the same acreage basis as for wheat) is recommended to the Dominion Government in a resolution of the Legislative Assembly proposed by Mr. James (Acadia) seconded by Mr. Lush and adopted last Friday.

Additional grains marketed by the farmer would be submitted for sale at world market prices.

Mr. James stated that this was not proposed with the intention of embarrassing the Federal Government, but in recognition of the very serious plight of the Western farmer.

Regarding the cry of "East is East and West is West" the speaker claimed that, in Canada, there is no east and no west. "We are one country, one nation, one united people, and any attempt to divide us into two hostile camps is lamentable in the extreme," Mr. James declared.

Marketing Board to Control Merchandising

EDMONTON, Mar. 15th. — Given first reading in the Assembly late last week, the Marketing Bill, heralded by the Government as another step in the purchasing power-creating "interim program," proposes the creation of a central marketing board with discretionary powers of regulation

Gandhi Defeats Him



Subhas Chandra Bose (above) was defeated this week in a trial of strength with Mahatma Gandhi. The All-India Congress, meeting at Tripuri, passed by an overwhelming majority a vote of no confidence in Bose, who was opposing Gandhi. Another triumph for Gandhi, which brought to an end the fast which he had threatened to carry on to death, was the order of British authorities to the Rajah of Dhenkanal to take a year's holiday. Gandhi had charged the Rajah with oppression of his subjects.

of merchandising, whether buying or selling.

Tributary to this central board there are to be lesser boards with less authority but for approximately the same purposes.

A producers and industries board is to be given authority to set maximum prices in such manner as not to increase prices to the consumer. This board's business will include the granting of permits, the collection of fees and the administration of business.

To Check Tax Dodgers

EDMONTON, Mar. 15th. — Circumvention of proprietors of certain places of amusement who, it seems, have been dodging the amusement tax, is among the purposes of amendments to the Act given first reading in the Assembly last Monday.

Amendment of the definition of "place of amusement" is calculated to bring about the desired result. This will mean, when the amendment has become law, "every place which is conducted for gain for the purpose of providing amusement or recreation . . . and at which any charge is made for admission or any charge for service, facility, commodity, privilege, or any other matter or thing provided or afforded thereat."

The Provincial Secretary (Mr. Manning) explained to the House that his department has learned that certain of these "places" are charging their patrons for checking their hats and coats and allowing admission nominally free.

A referendum on beer parlors is recommended in a motion brought before the Legislature by S. A. G. Barnes, Edmonton.

Old age pensions of \$1 a day for all needy citizens over 60, and recommendation of an amendment of the Federal act accordingly, is asked in a resolution put on the order paper of the Legislature by Mr. Duke, Rocky Mountain.

The Legislature was urged on Tuesday by the member for St. Albert, Mr. Beaudry, to call upon the Board of Transport Commissioners to order rectification of alleged freight rate discrimination against Alberta.

Approval was given by the Legislature this week to a vote of \$4,000 for treatment of sleeping sickness among horses.

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"I enclose postal note for \$2.75 for my renewal subscription to January 8th, 1940, and one subscription for one year for . . . Rolla, B.C. He would like premium No. 14 and I would like premium No. 7. The 75 cents is for premium No. 7, because *The Western Farm Leader* is worth one dollar alone, and the maps you sent me last year are worth \$5 to me."—John Thorsby, Rolla, B.C.

Strongly advocating continuance of the Wheat Board and a pegged price as the only thing that could save the situation for Western Canada, J. E. Brownlee, speaking at a U.F.A. rally in Ponoka, said that without these safeguards 40 cent wheat could be expected. The meeting passed a resolution asking for a Wheat Board and an 80-cent pegged price during the coming crop year.

Support Demand for Pegged Wheat Price and for Wheat Board

WINNIPEG, Man. — "Line Elevator Companies are actively supporting the demands of the Western Wheat Committee on Markets and Agricultural Re-adjustment," Charles E. Hayles, President of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, pointed out in a statement issued here. These demands, he pointed out are for: (a) the continuance of the Wheat Board for 1939-40; (b) the setting of a guaranteed price for wheat of at least 80 cents for One Northern, basis Fort William; and (c) the granting of subsidiary assistance to coarse grain farmers and to farmers who may be affected by drought or other forms of crop failure.

"These representatives of line elevator companies were members of the delegation headed by Premier Bracken which presented the extensive brief dealing with the Western grain situation to the Dominion Government," Mr. Hayles added. "The North-West Grain Dealers' Association, whose membership is composed of line country elevator companies, has two representatives on the permanent Western Committee set up by Premier Bracken to study Western conditions, and is lending all possible assistance in an effort to find a solution for the serious problems which face Western Agriculture."

SPORT

The Stanley Cup play-offs are scheduled to commence March 21st when the Boston Bruins will meet the New York Rangers. On the year's play Boston is, of course, expected by those who profess to know all about that skating sport, to take home the silver jug. But I've seen many hockey experts surprised before—or disappointed.

Lethbridge Maple Leafs, one the smartest and fastest clubs ever to come out of the Prairie Provinces, look like Alberta Hockey Champions. A great deal of credit is due to the management of this club for they've been tops all season and can show plenty, of class with a hockey stick, a pair of flashing blades and a hunk of rubber to go after. Good luck, Leafs!

Hockey briefs. . . An exception to the rule that a hockey player's career is very limited, is Eddie Oatman, one time Calgary Tiger stalwart, who is still playing in amateur ranks for Duluth at the age of 50.

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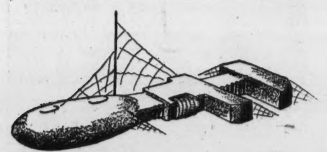
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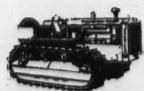
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It seems incredible that by the time this is being read we shall be well along in March. We shall again be at the season of the year when we can have all three meals without the lamp-light.

I looked out the window a moment ago and saw a silver world a-glitter with frost and a great moon shining down on it. It seemed only a night or two ago that I had seen that same moon a mere "silver-sickle" in the sky. It had become the "golden shield" without my noting the change. I often think it would be more interesting if we in the country reckoned our events by "moons" as did the Indians. It would link us up more closely with one of the beauties and wonders of nature.

"The Two Nations"

For we country people need to make the most of the wonders of Nature. Man has been unkind enough to so organize our society that a very great number of us are too poor to enjoy many of the mechanical and scientific wonders the world now offers. Society as in the days of Disraeli, is still divided into two groups, the rich and the poor—he described them as "The Two Nations" to emphasize the sharpness of the division—and we farm people unfortunately find ourselves very largely congregated in the latter group.

To sit down and accept this man-made situation is cowardly. It is up to us to exert every effort to improve conditions for ourselves and our fellows and more surely still for those who come after us. In the meantime, we must get as much interest and pleasure out of life as possible.

I wonder how many of you have read Maeterlinck's "Life of the Bee"? I have just finished reading it and I am sure I shall have an additional respect for the bees this summer. To be sure I have taken to treating them with deference since one day last summer I hurried from the kitchen very, very hot from doing some canning, and a bee and I met for a moment. I have intended to ask some authority on the subject if the heated state I was in caused the trouble. I had had occasion before to learn they should be treated with care but this time I was driven nearly frantic from the encounter.

A Marvellous Civilization

After reading Maeterlinck's book, I think, as you see the bees pass, you will feel you have seen members of another civilization and a very marvellous one. You will learn what excellent housekeepers they are. In fact, you will find a host of wonderful things about their organization and their ability. And, by the way, this year we are hearing so much of royalty and of royal etiquette, it is interesting to remember the bees never stay with their backs to their queen in the hive.

So read this book if you get the opportunity. It is not an expensive new book, so it should be easier to procure. I am sure you will have many interesting moments thinking over the wonders of a city and its inhabitants which are revealed to you in most beautiful language.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

About two hundred members and friends of Okotoks U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. attended a social evening when charter members were the guests of honor, P. Berger presiding. Mrs. Malloy Berger was the guest speaker, and her enthusiasm for young people's work was communicated to the audience. Mr. Hutchison gave a history of the U.F.A. Local since 1918, extracts from the minutes giving added interest. Two of the charter members, Mrs. Henry Johnson and John Windle, gave accounts of some of the early meetings; and Mrs. Gibbard recounted the progress of the U.F.W.A. Local. The Juniors contributed a varied program of entertainment, including a "True or False" contest; and Roy Thompson and Jock Noble reported on the Seed Fair. A bountiful supper, and dancing, concluded a delightful evening.

MUTINY

The mail has just brought me a letter
That much contemplation invites.
I don't feel exactly a debtor
To this correspondent who writes:
"It's spring-time and now we are
planting
Out seedlings and pruning our
trees,
While daffodils, gay and enchanting,
Are flaunting the breeze."

"Our fruit-trees are all up and doing,
With Japanese plums in the bud.
No problems of weather are brew-
ing—

We never have droughts or a flood.
The rains are so helpful and gentle,
The hills wear such marvellous
greens,

I find I can't grow sentimental
O'er lost prairie scenes."

This waiting for spring's apt to get
us!

Our nerves are inclined to be raw!
And letters from ladies whose lettuce
Is ready are just the last straw!
However, there's no use complain-
ing,—

At least so some sage has averred!—
But hope can be quite unsustaining
When too long deferred!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Activities of Farm Women's
Locals

A bridge party is held in the hall monthly, by Westlock U.F.W.A., to raise funds, reports Mrs. Harvey Patterson, secretary.

All ladies in the community are being invited to the party to celebrate the nineteenth birthday of Spring Valley U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. Alex. Hall, secretary.

Sunnibend U.F.W.A. (Pibroch) members have been turning out well to the meetings recently, though at times roads have been bad and travelling difficult.

Horse Hill U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton) are inviting ladies from the former Belmont U.F.W.A. to be guests at an April meeting when Mrs. Lowe, director, will also be present.

Plans have been made to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Tolland U.F.W.A. The last year has been a very successful one, reports the secretary, funds being raised by a picnic, bazaar, and several dances.

Over a hundred members and their families attended an oyster supper given by Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Locals (Ponoka) when reports of their delegates, Mrs. B. Russell and R. H. Jones, were given.

Asking for the continuation of the Wheat Board and a pegged wheat price of at least \$1 a bushel, Sunnibend U.F.W.A. (Pibroch) sent a resolution from their last meeting to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, at Ottawa. Other U.F.W.A. Locals who sent resolutions asking for the Wheat Board to function during the coming year were Horse Hill and Hillside.

A noon-day chicken dinner marked the March meeting of Hillside U.F.W.A. (Millet), held at the home of Mrs. Hoskins. Mrs. Winifred Ross gave an interesting talk on international affairs; at the previous meeting Mrs. T. H. Howes reported on the annual convention, and it was decided to affiliate with the Canadian society for the control of cancer.

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By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

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These are questions continually in the minds of many Canadian young people, from the time they are old enough to think; and these are questions that the Junior U.F.A. and other youth organizations are trying to answer. They are very serious and very difficult questions, and people can be excused for being almost unable to take their attention away from them to the questions facing other people, in other parts of the world.

Farm Home and Garden

Canning Beef or Pork: Five rules are given in a Dominion Department of Agriculture Bulletin. They are, 1, Use fresh meat; 2, Remove bone, gistle and excessive fat. Pack in jars or cans; 3, Sterilize 1 hour at 15 lbs. pressure or 3 hours in water bath; 4, Seal as soon as removed from sterilizer; 5, Jars containing meat should not be allowed to cool while inverted as the fat will harden at the bottom rather than at the top of the jar.

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Or, stew the meat for 30 minutes, then cut and pack, using 1/2 teaspoon salt to each pint, and filling jars to overflowing with broth in which the meat was cooked. Fat assists in keeping, as it hardens at the top of the jar when cool. Partially seal and sterilize.

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Face Terrible Conditions

But the questions before some of these other people are so very terrible that we would not be able to live with ourselves very comfortably if we were entirely hard-hearted and turned our faces from them altogether.

It's not in any spirit of the old-fashioned parent who used to tell us, "Some little boys and girls would be only too glad to eat that crust," that I am writing this. But it is the plain truth, that hundreds of thousands of young Jews in Europe today, and particularly in Germany, have all the difficulties that face us here and many more that are infinitely worse. Young men and women, even mere boys and girls, who ought not really to have to worry about anything more serious than their lessons and their games at school, are faced with things that we shrink from even imagining.

They cannot attend any of the higher schools, and even in the lower schools their lives are made miserable. They have no chance of getting any jobs, except from other Jews; and the Jewish business people have been almost forced out of business. Wealthy Jews have had their property confiscated, and poor Jews have been put out of their jobs. If they are ill, they are not admitted to hospitals. They cannot go to theatres, and in public parks must sit only on certain benches.

Shadow of the Concentration Camp

They, or their fathers or brothers may be taken by the authorities to concentration camps—without being charged with any crime, and without any public trial—and their families are often uncertain for months as to their fate.

"Is my father still alive? Is he ill? Is he being flogged tonight? Shall I ever see him again? Or will they send him home in a coffin? Or shall we ever know what happened to him?"

That is what Jewish sons and daughters are having to ask themselves about their fathers—and they are just as likely to be as certain that their fathers are good men as most sons and daughters in this country are of their fathers.

Thousand Years Before Columbus

Humiliation, misery, danger, starvation, face these people in their own country—and incidentally it is their country far more than Canada is our country, because Jews had been in Germany a thousand years before Christopher Columbus discovered America.

They can't stay in Germany and they can't leave. Apart from the difficulties of money, there is almost no place where they can go. No country wants them. Almost every country has its unemployment problem; most of the people in every country are too busy with their own concerns to care much about the Jews and other refugees in Europe; governments hesitate, and nothing is done.

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Junior News Items

Dolly Jorgenson and George Hislop are officers of the new Naco Junior U.F.A. Local. O. M. Blair is supervisor.

Miss Margaret Archibald recently organized a new Junior Local in Standard district, with Anker Hansen president and Ella Petersen secretary. Messrs. C. Pope and C. Dahl are supervisors.

GOOD IDEA

"Oh, ye are the waits, eh?" said McNab, answering an insistent knocking at the door. "How are ye daein'?" "Business is gr-rand," replied the collector.

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barrier to the Jew is the anti-Jewish prejudice that one meets all too often. This is too big a question for me to attempt to deal with here, but I would like to urge that everyone of say sixteen years of age or older should read Louis Golding's little book "The Jewish Problem." (It is published in the Penguin series and costs only 19 cents.) It is short, and easy to read; and it tells the history of the Jewish people during the last two thousand years, and discusses the reasons for the prejudice against them; how they were not permitted, for hundreds and hundreds of years, to own land, and so could not become farmers; how they were not permitted to join the crafts guilds, and so were forced to deal in second-hand goods; and how, not being allowed to own property, and stores, they were obliged to become peddlers. You will see as you read that the Jews were forced, through repression and discrimination, into doing the things that they are now sometimes blamed for.

It is a gloomy book; but every person who wants to understand this very grave question of the Jewish refugees would do well to read it.



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Dairy Market

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Alberta will supply most of the cattle required to fill the U.S. quota of 142,230 head during the nine months beginning April 1st, it is expected. Livestock men are quoted as saying that there will probably not be enough cattle of the required quality to fill the quota, however.

year totalled 2,465,000 pounds and it is expected that a similar quantity will be exported during March. Local prices are unchanged with first grade prints at 23c and special grade butter at 17c.

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World Wheat Situation

The international market has been rather shaky because of news of improved crop conditions, together with the large supplies. There has been substantial improvement in the mid-western winter wheat area in the United States, due to improved moisture conditions. India's crop has staged a recovery too, and the yield is expected to be about 340 million bushels, which will be sufficient for domestic requirements. The estimate of the Australian crop has been creeping upward and the figure now is around 150 million bushels.

In Argentina the grain board is maintaining its conservative attitude. Sales are not being pressed and are certainly not large, only about 2 million bushels being exported last week out of a total world trade of over 9 million. The Argentinian Government is keeping its holdings a secret, but the grain trade have a shrewd idea of the total.

Wheat Board Selling Fairly Heavily

The Canadian Wheat Board has been selling at every opportunity and the *Financial Post* suggests that the futures market has been utilized by the Board to get rid of a fairly substantial quantity of wheat. An interesting news note from Liverpool states that Canadian wheat has been imported by France to re-seed land where bad weather destroyed the winter wheat.

The volume of world trade last week totalled 9,113,000 bushels compared with 13 million the previous week. Origins of shipments were as follows:

	Bushels
North America.....	4,449,000
Argentina.....	2,046,000
Australia.....	1,746,000
Black Sea.....	472,000
Other Countries.....	400,000

As matters stand today there is no particular incentive for prices to rise. The advent of spring weather will reveal the condition of the crop in Europe and the United States winter wheat belt and then, if extensive damage results activity may be expected.

MANY LETTERS RECEIVED

(Continued from page 1)

that for 1939 crop a peg price be set of at least 80c, Fort William, and that we favor a Government long time wheat marketing policy. This in reply to yours of the 3rd issue."—J. H. Schmaltz, Beiseker.

"I am doing as you requested, letting you know we sent the form to Ottawa. My brother E. H. Davies and I signed it and then got two neighbors to do so. I am sure every farmer would gladly do that."—Mrs. Winifred A. Thompson, R.R. 1, Excel.

"Sent a letter to Ottawa about the Wheat price. It had three signatures on it."—Ruth Dickinson, Wimborne.

Four signatures were sent to Ottawa by N. Baker of New Norway—Ed. W. Fontaine, N. Baker, Mrs. N. Baker and R. S. Gregory.

Got 25 to Sign

"I wish to commend you for the manner and interest you are taking in *The Western Farm Leader* on behalf of the wheat growers of the West, and no doubt will be a great benefit to them, and goodness knows the farmers needs assistance here in the West as well as every other country or we are doomed to go under. I cut out the printed petition from the first page of the last issue and got twenty-five neighbors' signatures and set it on the Ottawa. May have got more but it's hard to travel now."—Chas. Young, Box 53, Islay.

Ten Farmers' Signatures

"I have read your paper for the last 12 years, Mr. Smith, and have always appreciated it. It is the kind of leadership we need among us scattered farmers. I sent your form of resolution about wheat price to Hon. J.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 14th.—The cattle market has been steady although receipts have been light. Good butcher steers sold at \$6.50 to \$6.75, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.25; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$4.50 to \$5; good to choice fed calves were \$6.25 to \$7.25; good cows \$4 to \$4.50; common to medium \$2.50 to \$3.50; good bulls \$3.25 to \$3.75; good to choice veal calves \$6.50 to \$7.50. Hogs were higher with selects \$9.25, bacons \$8.75 and butchers \$7.75, off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 14th.—The cattle market has been brisk at firm values but receipts have been very light. Good to choice butcher steers were \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$4 to \$5.75; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5.25; good to choice cows \$3.50 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$2.25 down; bulls \$2.50 to \$3.50. Better kinds of stockers and feeders were quoted at \$4 to \$5; choice lightweight calves from \$7 to \$7.50. The hog market is showing a firmer undertone with selects \$9.25, bacons \$8.75 and butchers \$7.75, off trucks. Choice lightweight lambs brought up to \$7.25, yearlings \$4.50 and ewes \$3 down.

CO-OPERATION IN SCHOOLS

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Board trust fund for co-operative education.

5. Protesting in behalf of representatives of co-operatives in the four Western Provinces action of Receiver-General for Canada in making assessments dating back in some cases to 1932 (assessment is made for income tax if a co-operative did 20 per cent more business with non-members than with members in any year). The meeting particularly protested ruling that patron can only be considered a member of a co-operative if he is the owner of at least one share.

At the forenoon session, this Dominion Government ruling on what constitutes a member of a co-operative association was criticized by J. E. Brownlee, K.C., who said that Section 92 of the British North American Act, which deals with the powers of the Dominion Government and of the Provinces, definitely states that the Provinces have the authority to pass legislation dealing with companies and corporations having only Provincial objectives.

G. Gardiner with 10 farmers' signatures. I hope you will keep up our paper in the same spirit as of old."—Hans Schnell, Usona.

Twenty Neighbors Signed

"I and 20 of my neighbors signed your printed letter in March 3rd issue and mailed it to Ottawa, March 6th, to let the Minister of Agriculture know that we in this district desire retention of the Wheat Board and at least 80c pegged price for 1939 wheat crop. . . . I am sure farmers appreciate your paper and efforts to help better their position."—W. P. Harper, Whiskey Gap.

"I and seven neighbors communicated our desires for the retention of the Wheat Board and the 80c peg price to Ottawa."—W. Ingram, Bentley.

"Am sending eight names re Wheat Board to Ottawa today."—R. I. Burns, Vermilion.

"Just forwarded eight names to Hon. J. G. Gardiner to continue the 80c guaranteed wheat price of One Northern, Basis Fort William."—George Lambert, Bindloss.

(We have selected only a few letters from readers who have sent in more than one signature. Many other farmers have also written us to say they have written Ottawa.)

Veterinary Questions and Answers

Veterinary Medicine Chest

X.Y.Z., Bawlf.—1. What medicines and other supplies should be found in the average farmer's veterinary medicine cabinet?

2. How may it be ascertained that a mare is in foal after six months or so?

Ans.—You should have in your medicine chest: Creoline or Lysol as an antiseptic in case of wounds; a bottle of colic remedy and a gallon of raw linseed oil in case of indigestion, colic and bloat; a bottle of white liniment for sprains and bruises;

2. You can sometimes see foal moving after mare has had a drink of cold water. If it is necessary to know if mare is in foal, would advise you have your veterinary make an examination.

Feeding Chemical

W.E.F., Nampa.—Please state if there is any known chemical mixture to be fed to a stag pig that will improve the taste of the meat.

Ans.—There is no known chemical that you could feed stag pig to improve the taste of meat.

Potassium Iodide

G.W.G., West Edmonton.—Please tell me when and in what quantity should a brood sow get potassium iodide?

Ans.—Potassium Iodide can be supplied to brood sows as follows: dissolve one ounce of potassium iodide in one gallon of water, then give one teaspoonful of this solution in the slop three times weekly.

Veterinary questions are answered in this column by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to The Western Farm Leader is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.

Declares Economies to Offset Deficit of More than Million

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

EDMONTON, Mar. 15th. — With the Assembly finishing the prolonged debate on the budget at a night sitting last Friday, the session opened this week with the stage set for the less time-consuming and more practical matters of estimates and legislation.

Mr. Low asserted, in answer to the Conservative Leader's (Mr. Duggan's) earlier doubts, that most of the deficit, amounting to a little over a million, would be offset by corresponding economies. A bill would be introduced at a later stage of this session to set up a central purchasing agency for government supplies by which substantial savings would be effected, he said. There is also in project the creation of a "revenue commission" for the methodical handling of the Provincial income.

Touching Mr. Duggan's charges that the present Government had dipped into the sinking fund, the Provincial Treasurer said that only the earnings of the fund had been absorbed in Treasury certificates; otherwise the fund is intact.

Turner Valley, said the Minister of Lands and Mines, Mr. Tanner, is "under a severe handicap because of discriminatory" freight rates on the valley's oil output. He asserted that it is impossible to secure concessions because of the absence of competition.

Instantly killed when thrown from his horse, James Arlie Johnson, of Alliance, will be deeply missed in the community. He had been active in the U.F.A. for many years, being at the time of his death a member of the Stettler constituency executive. C. E. Johnson, M.P., for Bow River, is a brother.

Some Major Features of Wheat Submission to Cabinet at Ottawa

Historic Document Backed by Wide Western Interests Pleads Prairie Case

Meeting the Dominion Cabinet in Ottawa early this month, the Western Committee on Markets and Agricultural Readjustment gave expression to the views of the widest western interests when it called for the continuance of the Wheat Board for the season 1939-40, with a pegged price of not less than 80 cents a bushel for One-Northern, basis Fort William; and for subsidiary assistance to farmers who grow coarse grains for sale and those who suffer total or partial crop failure.

Many Interests Represented

Represented in the delegation were wide Western interests, as follows: the United Farmers of Alberta, the United Farmers of Manitoba, the United Farmers of Canada (Sask. Section), the Boards of Trade of Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta Wheat Pool, Manitoba Pool Elevators, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, the United Grain Growers, the Alberta Municipal Association and the Manitoba Government.

The submission set forth the following conclusions among others:

1. The prosperity of Western Canada, and therefore, to a large extent, the prosperity of Canada, depends upon the production of wheat and its sale at a reasonable price.

2. The tariff, greatly increased in the early days of the depression, while constituting emergency relief for Eastern Canada, bore heavily upon Western Canada. Eastern reciprocity in bearing the burden of an emergency Western wheat crisis is only the fulfillment of an obligation that has been long outstanding.

3. Western Canada's wheat production is generally three times Canada's requirements; an external market for two-thirds of it is needed.

4. The 1938 crop, more than twice as large as that of 1937, would bring at recent market prices some 30 million dollars less than the 1937 crop.

5. During the seven years 1931-37, gross value of agricultural production in the Prairie Provinces declined by \$2,540,000,000 as compared with the corresponding value from 1924 to 1930, of which decline lower prices accounted for more than half.

Entitled to Emergency Assistance

6. The wheat industry, caught in the current of economic nationalism, subsidized export competition and strangling political forces which our producers could not control, is entitled to receive from the nation emergency price assistance.

7. Assistance given the wheat industry has been relatively small. Only in respect to the 1938 crop were actions of the Dominion Government likely to involve a relatively large loss.

8. Financial reserves of Western wheat farmer being largely eliminated, disparity between debts and income widened.

In all 21 features of the wheat situation, revealing the pressing character of the emergency and the reasons why positive action in the directions proposed is imperative, were outlined by the committee. It was pointed out that the 80 cent price asked is equivalent to "a farm price of about 57 cents for average grades." But for the present pegged price the Western farmers "would be receiving about 37 cents a bushel for their wheat, farm basis."

The largest single price paid for a horse at the Red Deer annual horse sale this week was \$135, and the top price for a team was \$290, paid for a pair of black Percheron geldings raised by J. M. Henderson.

What's Doing? at CFAC

Who says listeners aren't a kind-hearted lot? An Innisfail listener recently came to the aid (?) of Gail Egan, CFAC's sports commentator, by presenting him with what seemed a dire necessity at the time.

The whole incident would never have happened if Gail hadn't done a little crystal-gazing on the "Sportcycle" in connection with the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap. On the day of that great race, Gail in the role of Swami or somebody, looked into the future and proclaimed that the winner of the racing classic would be a horse called "Gosum." Mind you, he didn't say merely that he thought that nag would romp over the finish line first; he gave a number of very good reasons why such an event would occur. The prediction was an excellent one—except that the horse lost.

A little gentle ribbing was inevitable, and the following Monday Jack Dennett introduced the racing seer as "Gail Egan, ace sports commentator for CFAC, but the world's worst picker, the man without a home or a shirt to his back." Gail retaliated by blessing the lack of television which would have shown him shivering through his sports broadcast sans shirt.

And here is where the generosity of one listener must be acknowledged. An Innisfail listener, who remains

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anonymous, wrote that he depended on the "Sportcycle" daily for his sports news, and the very least he could do would be to prevent any threat of pneumonia and a consequent loss of the "Sportcycle." And so he forwarded to Gail, a white broadcloth shirt, neatly laundered and ready to do service for the poor, shivering commentator!

Who says there is no Santa Claus!

The Wheat Board and 80 Cents

The Wheat Board should be continued, and a guaranteed price basis for wheat of not less than 80 cents a bushel should be provided for the coming crop year.

That is the request of the Western Committee on Markets and Agricultural Re-establishment, submitted to the Dominion Government in Ottawa, on March 1st. A delegation of twenty-two, including representatives of this Company, of six other farmers' organizations, and of commercial interests, presented a strong case to the government. Now the brief of the Committee has been printed, and is being distributed both in eastern and western Canada.

There was also presented to the government the resolution of the Board of Directors of United Grain Growers Limited, published in the last issue of this paper.

These documents should be read by every farmer. They summarize in brief the case for western wheat, and show why it should continue to receive adequate national support in a time of crisis. Copies are on hand in every U.G.G. Elevator, and the Agent will be glad to supply you.

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Postcard from
Cynical Gus says
that a conceited
man is easily fool-
ed.

Yep, and if you
measure other peo-
ple's honesty by
your own you won't
go far wrong.

The time a man makes a fool of
himself is usually the time when a
girl decides to make a fool of him.

Well, the fight is on! Are you
in it? Ottawa is talking about
sixty cent wheat. You Eighty
Centers have got to get behind
the Bracken Committee and the
U.F.A. and "The Western Farm
Leader" in their battle on behalf
of the Farmers. Yep, you Eighty
Centers have got to work like
Sixty if you want to preserve your
standard. Write the Ottawa Gov-
ernment and your member of
parliament right away if you want
the Wheat Board to function as
a Wheat Board.

And don't forget to write to the
Leader to tell the Editor you have
written Ottawa, and how many of
your neighbors you have got to write
as well.

Last issue the Leader gave you the
warning that Ottawa was talking of
a 60c peg for No. 1 Wheat at Fort
William. Then several days later
the other papers had it. Read the news
in the Leader when it IS news.

ANSWERS TO CONTRIBS

Billious Bill, Strathcona: Sorry Bill
that your snappy contrib was omitted
from our last issue. It was the best
we've seen in years. Unfortunately,
that week the sense of humor of the
Editor of this great family journal,
went haywire. It does that far too
often, but what can we do about it
except quit?

Postcard from the Bad Egg of
Crow's Nest says that some women
can sing a baby to sleep in two min-
utes and talk a husband awake all
night.

Wally, our incurable bach., insists
that marriage is the world's greatest
endurance test.

Oh, yes, as Fern of Fernie says, a
hairdresser holds the key to many a
lock—of hair.

ISN'T THAT CORRECT, IONA?

And one way for a guy to be popular
is to remember a girl's birthday and
not her age.

TO JOYCE

Oh, hearken, Cleopatra
Of the many colored dress,
Compared with you that famous
queen
Would find her beauty less.

Her only fearing question
If she should meet with you,
"Tell me, fair Canadian,
Your Antony is—who?"
—Jessie Sinclair, Calgary.

According to L.T.S. of Bye-
moor, many people owe their
goodness to the fact that they
have never been tempted.

About the only advantage in having
a lot of children is that some of them
may be different from the others.

TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

A thick head usually generates thin
ideas.

And Dorothy Jordan insists that
nothing succeeds like the success of
some people's failures.

Money may talk but it never gives
itself away.

AND HOW, MARION!

Li'l Marion informs us that re-
grets for the past seldom keep
a woman from accepting the
present.

Some guys marry in haste but do
not repent at leisure as they find that
they have no leisure.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

A pedestrian is the sum of his
remaining parts.

Jack L. of Lethbridge dropped in
the other day to tell us that a woman
lowers her voice when she asks for
something, but raises it when she
doesn't get it.

Yep, you've guessed it folks, Jack
is married.

HOW ABOUT IT, BLONDIE?

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp,
tells us that the most immovable
thing in the world is a postage
stamp put on by mistake.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

An optimist is a girl who starts to
whistle to keep from crying.

Postcard from Jesse James intimates
that middle age is the period of life
which sets some men to thinking that
they might as well have died young.

CAN THIS BE TRUE, GIRLS?

A woman enjoys seeing her
husband go out at night—pro-
vided she is invited to go along.

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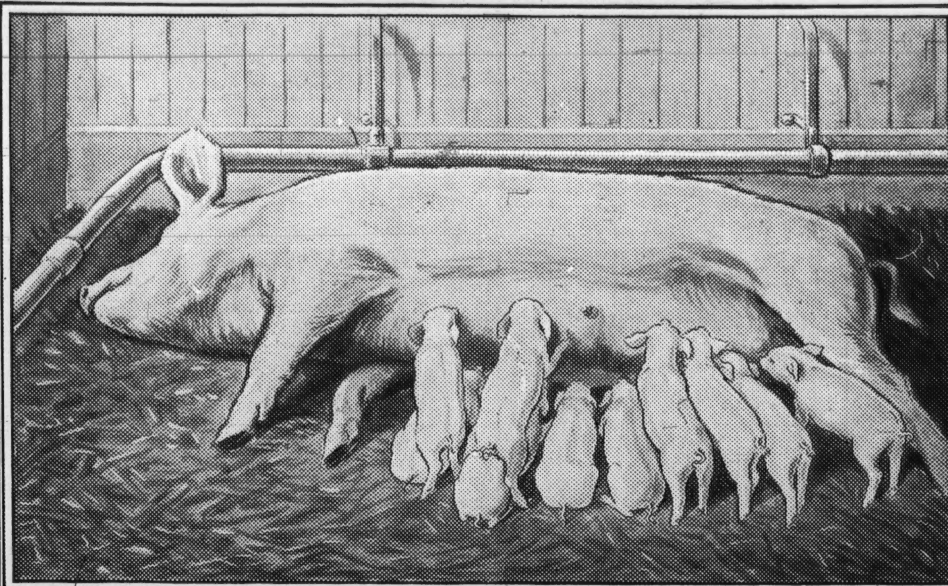
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